

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 717
By Davis (Wash)

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Vance W. Cheek, Jr., Mayor of Johnson City, upon winning a Distinguished Leadership Award at the National Association for Community Leadership's 2000 Leadership Conference.

WHEREAS, the fortunes of the cities and towns of this nation are closely associated with the quality of local leadership within such communities; good leadership enables a city or town to take advantage of available opportunities; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Vance W. Cheek, Jr. is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity as Mayor of Johnson City, Tennessee and in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Community Leadership, a membership association of 500 organizations and more than 2000 civic leaders, based in Indianapolis, is dedicated to strengthening and transforming communities through leadership development; and

WHEREAS, a Johnson City attorney and businessman, Vance Cheek, Jr., is a second-generation Johnson City Mayor; he is emulating his father, Vance Cheek, Sr., who served as the town's Mayor in the 1970s. During Vance Cheek, Jr.'s tenure as mayor the new Johnson

City Public Library was completed, \$50 million in school improvements were instituted, and plans were formulated for a 100 acre industrial park; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cheek has also chaired a subcommittee establishing the city's vision for the new millennium; he is a graduate of the local Chamber of Commerce's Leadership 2015 program. The sagacious application of his considerable leadership skills has brought him to the attention of his peers across the country; and

WHEREAS, during presentation of the prestigious award, Gene A. Honn, Executive Director of the National Association of Community Leadership said, "Individuals who receive the Distinguished Leadership Awards contribute in extraordinary ways to build more effective communities. Cheek's community service demonstrates an individual committed to initiating positive change and leading the way to a better future for the community."; and

WHEREAS, Vance W. Cheek, Jr.'s outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and an uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Vance Cheek, Jr., is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Mayor Vance W. Cheek, Jr., of Johnson City, Tennessee upon winning the Distinguished Leadership Award at the National Association of Community Leadership's 2000 Leadership Conference and thank him for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Johnson City and Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.